

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims so that they read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A communication system for exchanging information through a prescribed information through a network having pieces of terminal equipment and an information control means connected thereto, said communication system being operatively configured such that:

network, wherein

the registered information of the characterizing said pieces of terminal equipment connected to said network system is registered in said information control means connected to said network system, and

when prescribed information is transmitted to the terminal equipment of a receiver connected to said network from the terminal equipment of a transmitter connected to said network, a transmission path for transmitting said information from said terminal equipment of the transmitter to said terminal equipment of the receiver is determinedestablished on the basis of said registered information.

2. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to Claim 1, wherein said prescribed information transmitted from said terminal equipment of thesaid transmitter is converted into information which can be received by said terminal equipment of thesaid receiver.

3. (Currently Amended) An information controller connected to a network comprising:

registering means for registering the registered information of characterizing terminal equipment connected to said network system including terminal equipment of at least one transmitter and terminal equipment of at least one receiver; and

communication path determining means for determining the a transmission path of said information from said terminal equipment of asaid transmitter to said terminal equipment of asaid receiver based on the basis of said registered information when prescribed information is to be transmitted to said terminal equipment of the receiver connected said network from the terminal equipment of thesaid transmitter connected to said network.

4. (Currently Amended) The information controller according to Claim 3, wherein said ~~information control means~~ is provided with further comprising converting means for converting said prescribed information transmitted from said terminal equipment of ~~the said~~ transmitter into information capable of being received by said terminal equipment of ~~the said~~ receiver.

5. (Currently Amended) A network system for exchanging prescribed information via a network, said networked operatively configured such that:
wherein

~~the registered~~ information ~~of characterizing~~ terminal equipment used by a user and, terminal equipment connected to said terminal equipment used by the user among the pieces of, and other terminal equipment connected to said network, is registered in prescribed registering means associated with an information controller also connected to the network, together with information for identifying said user, as available environmental information, and prescribed information is transmitted to a terminal equipment specified by said registered available environmental information.

6. (Currently Amended) The network system according to Claim 5, wherein said terminal equipment having a display means for capable of displaying at least some of said prescribed ~~provided~~ information is selected based on the ~~basis of the~~ available environmental information registered in said registering means and ~~said provided information is transmitted to~~ ~~said selected terminal equipment~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The network system according to Claim 5, wherein said available environmental information includes ~~owner information of said~~ information identifying an owner of at least one terminal equipment.

8. (Original) The network system according to Claim 5, wherein said available environmental information is registered in said registering means in accordance with a registration request through said terminal equipment from prescribed portable terminal means.

9. (Currently Amended) The network system according to Claim 5, wherein said available environmental information is registered in said registering means in accordance with ~~the~~^a registration request transmitted from said terminal equipment, when prescribed external storing means is connected to said terminal equipment.

10. (Currently Amended) An information controller connected to a network comprising:

registering means for registering ~~the~~ information ~~of~~characterizing terminal equipment used by a user ~~and~~^a terminal equipment connected to said terminal equipment used by said user ~~among the pieces of, and other~~ terminal equipment connected to said network, together with information for identifying said user, as available environmental information, and

transmitting means for ~~transmitting~~establishing a transmission path such that provided information is transmitted to the terminal equipment specified by the registered available environmental information.

11. (Currently Amended) The information controller according to Claim 10, wherein said transmitting means selects the terminal equipment having a display means ~~for~~capable of displaying ~~prescribed~~at least some of said provided information on the basis of said registered available environmental information and transmits said provided information to said selected terminal equipment.

12. (Currently Amended) The information controller according to Claim 10, wherein said registering means ~~registers the~~includes information identifying an owner ~~information of~~ said terminal equipment.

13. (Currently Amended) A terminal Terminal equipment connected to a network comprising:

transmitting means for transmitting ~~the~~user ~~identification~~information of user for a user using said terminal equipment, ~~identifying~~registered information peculiar to ~~identifying~~ said terminal equipment ~~and the~~ information ~~of~~about connection terminal equipment connected to ~~connecting~~ said terminal equipment to said network as available environmental information.

14. (Currently Amended) The terminal equipment according to Claim 13 comprising: identifying information reading means connected to ~~prescribed~~ external storing means for reading out ~~the identifying~~said user identification information of ~~said user~~ from ~~the connected external storing means, wherein~~ ~~said read identifying~~an external storage means connected to said terminal equipment, and conveying said user identification information of ~~said user~~ is transmitted to said network as part of said available environmental information.

15. (Currently Amended) The terminal equipment according to Claim 13 comprising: identifying information receiving means for receiving the ~~identifying~~user identification information of ~~said user~~ transmitted from ~~prescribed~~ portable terminal means, wherein ~~said received identifying~~connected to said terminal equipment, and transmitting said user identification information of ~~said user~~ is transmitted to said network as part of said available environmental information.